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SUBJECT: PROTEST BOMBING OF NEW YORK CONSULATE

1. DCM WAS CALLED IN BY DIRECTOR OF MFA DEPARTMENT III KINAST AT 6:00 P.M. AND INFORMED THAT A BOMB HAD EXPLODED AT 5:15 A.M. JANUARY 16 OUTSIDE THE POLISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK. READING FROM REUTERS DESPATCH. KINAST SAID GROUP CALLING ITSELF "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE" HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING IN PHONE CALLS TO SEVERAL PRESS AGENCIES.

2. KINAST SAID THIS INCIDENT WAS LATEST IN SERIES OF DISTURBING INCIDENTS DIRECTED AGAINST POLISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U.S. HE CITED DISTRIBUTION OF THREATENING LETTERS TO POLISH DIPLOMATS IN DECEMBER BY A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "FREE POLAND". HE MENTIONED AN INTERVIEW OF FBI REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH KAISER WITH THE POLISH CONSUL IN CHICAGO ON JANUARY 9 DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH THE FBI PROVIDED THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AN AGENT TO BE CONTACTED IN THE CASE OF NEED. HE CITED AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL ON JANUARY 14 TO THE CONSULATE IN CHICAGO IN WHICH ALLEGED REPRESENTATIVE OF "FREE POLAND" SAID THE ORGANIZATION PLANS TO KIDNAP A POLISH DIPLOMAT IN THE UNITED STATES.

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3. KINAST SAID THE POLES HAD BEEN PROMISED EARLIER THAT THE UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO END THREATS AGAINST POLISH DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. THESE ACTIVITIES HAD INDEED CEASED FOR A FEW MONTHS, BUT NOW WERE BEING RESUMED WITH THE RECEIPT OF THESE ADDITIONAL THREATENING LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

4. KINAST STATED FORMALLY THAT THE POLISH SIDE IS DISTURBED BY THESE EVENTS AND ASKS THAT THE EMBASSY CONVEY POLAND'S PROTEST OVER THESE ACTS OF TERROR AND POLISH CONCERN AS TO THE LACK OF PROPER ACTION BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE FULL SECURITY TO THE PERSONNEL AS WELL AS TO THE PREMISES OF THE POLISH MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE POLISH SIDE EXPECTS THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE FULL PROTECTION AND THAT THE POLISH DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION IN UNDISTURBED CONDITIONS. POLAND EXPECTS THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THESE ACTS OF TERROR WILL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. LAWS.

5. DCM RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. DEPLORED ALL ACTS OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST POLISH OR OTHER DIPLOMATS IN THE UNITED STATES. WE WOULD PROMPTLY CONVEY THEIR VIEWS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND COULD ASSURE THEM THAT ALL PROPER MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE SECURITY OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE DETAILS CONCERNING THE NEW YORK BOMB INCIDENT AND REPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS ALLEGEDLY MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN DECEMBER CONCERNING ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM "FREE POLAND".
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